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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: The Origins and Content of Time Magazine Article
on Helms

1. During the week of 7 November [] former Chief, SE Division, made a number of phone calls to various CIA retirees requesting information on defunct CIA operations in the Soviet field. Mr. Richard Helms made a number of similar phone calls.

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2. The 14 November issue of Time magazine contains an article by Hugh Sidey which was very complimentary about Helms, referring to his "seduction" of Popov and Penkovskiy. The information in this article was recognized by various CIA retirees as containing the information which [] and Helms had collected from them the previous week.

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3. This information was provided by CIA retiree [] [] He also stated that because he objected personally to the language of the Sidey article, he had called Sidey and explained why the article was misleading. Sidey thanked him but informed him that the whole point was to help CIA and Helms at a time when the Agency was in trouble.

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